

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK**

**Mon. 11am** Michael & Norah Kealy and deceased family members **8pm** John Morris  
**Tues. 11am** Kevin Daniels **8pm** Peg Cunningham  
**Wed. 11am No Mass** **8pm** Chrism Mass  
**Holy Thursday 11am No Mass** **8pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**Good Friday 11am No Mass** **3pm** Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
**7pm** Stations of the Cross  
**8pm** Easter Vigil - People of the Parish  
**Holy Saturday 11am** Traditional Slavic Blessing of Easter Food  
**Easter Sun. 6am** Dawn Mass, Long Point **12noon** Gerry & Mary Maloney  
**10am** John, May and Joseph Toohey

<p><b><u>Ministers of the Word</u></b>  <b>Holy Thurs. 8pm</b> Declan Joyce  <b>Good Fri. 3pm</b> N: Michael Martin  O: Frances Blake  <b>Holy Saturday 8pm</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Mary Nix  3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Flynn  7<sup>th</sup> Mattie Quinn  <b>Epistle</b> Michael Martin  <b>Easter Sun. 10am</b> Mark Connolly  <b>Easter Sun. 12noon</b> John Hayes</p>	<p><b><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u></b>  <b>Holy Thursday 8pm</b>  G. Dervan, D. Fahy, M. Healy  <b>Good Friday 3pm</b>  C. Darcy, M. Connolly, M. Chambers  <b>Holy Saturday 8pm</b>  M. Doyle, M. Murphy, M. Connolly  <b>Easter Sunday, Dawn Mass 6.00am</b>  <b>Easter Sunday 10am</b> M. Joyce  <b>Easter Sunday 12noon</b>  A. Gardiner, E. McKiernan, M. Healy</p>
<p><b>Cathedral Collections: Offertory: €995 Restoration: €447</b>  <b>Second Basket Collection</b> Good Friday is for Holy Places.  <b>Second Basket Collection</b> next weekend is Easter Collection for the support of the clergy</p>	

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK**

**Mon. 8am** Donors Intentions **10am** Michael & Susan Holland  
**Tues. 8am** Michael Forde **10am** Josie & Michael Kenny  
**Wed. 8am** Donors Intention **10am** Stephen & Anne Concannon  
**Holy Thursday 8am No Mass** **8pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**Good Friday 8am No Mass** **3pm** Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
**Holy Saturday 8am No Mass** **6pm** Stations of the Cross  
Easter Vigil  
**Easter Sunday 9am** Reynold's family (Abbey Tce.) **11am** Agnes O'Brien  
**6pm No Evening Mass**



**LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY**  
The Presbytery 091 – 841212 The Abbey 091 – 841209  
Website – [loughreacathedral.ie](http://loughreacathedral.ie)  
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Palm Sunday – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confession Times for Easter</b></p> <p><b><u>The Cathedral</u></b>  <b>Mon. &amp; Tues.</b> after 8pm Mass  <b>Holy Sat.</b> 2.30pm-3.30pm</p> <p><b><u>The Abbey</u></b>  <b>Penitential Service immediately after 10am Mass</b>  <b>Wed.</b> 3.30-4.30pm/5.30-6.00pm  <b>Holy Thurs.</b> 12noon-1pm/3.30-4.30pm/5.30-6.30pm  <b>Good Fri.</b> 12noon – 1pm only  <b>Holy Sat.</b> 12noon-1.00pm/3.30-4.30pm  Please make an effort to attend Confession for Easter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chrism Mass</b></p> <p>Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in the Cathedral. This Mass is a celebration of the Priesthood and at this Ceremony, the Oil of Baptism, Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Chrism will be blessed by Bishop Kirby for use in the Clonfert Diocese throughout the year. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Easter Triduum Ceremonies</b></p> <p><b><u>The Cathedral</u></b>  <b>Holy Thurs. 8pm</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper  <b>Good Fri. 3pm</b> Celebration of the Lord's Passion  <b>7pm</b> Stations of the Cross  <b>Holy Sat. 8pm</b> Easter Vigil  <b>Easter Sun. 10am &amp; 12noon</b></p> <p><b><u>The Abbey</u></b>  <b>Holy Thurs. 8pm</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper  <b>Good Fri. 3pm</b> Celebration of the Lord's Passion  <b>6pm</b> Stations of the Cross  <b>Holy Sat.</b> Easter Vigil  <b>Easter Sun. 9am &amp; 11am</b>  <b>No 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday</b></p> <p><b><u>Mount Carmel</u></b>  <b>Easter Sun. 8am</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Stations of the Cross</b></p> <p>in the Cathedral, Good Friday at 7pm.</p>
	<p><b>Dawn Mass</b> will be celebrated at the edge of the Lake at the Long Point on Easter Sunday morning at 6.00am (weather permitting). All are welcome to attend.</p>

<b>Society of St Vincent de Paul</b> 086-0551134	<b>Bethany Bereavement Group</b> 087-2109396
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**Baptisms:** We welcome into God's family Kate Kinirons, Bride St., Loughrea.

**R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frank Joyce, Dublin, (brother of Gerry Joyce, Moyleen) who died recently.

Anniversary Mass for Carmel O'Rourke will be celebrated on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 8pm

"O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!" Psalms 118:1. **This Palm Sunday we celebrate God's love that is manifested by the support we give to those in the world who are less fortunate than us and face daily hardship. People like Daniel from Uganda who appeared on the Trócaire Box in 2012 aged 9. Daniel is now 15 and doing well in school. The support Daniel's family received ensured that he and his siblings could get an education and dream of a better future.** [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

### OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father,

We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,

One family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous,  
welcoming to those in need.

Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,

especially those for whom we now pray: *[We pause and remember  
family members and others by name].*

Increase our faith, Strengthen our hope, Keep us safe in your love,

Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen

**Chapel of Adoration** will be closed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday and will re-open on Easter Sunday morning.

**The World Meeting of Families 2018** will attract thousands of Irish and International pilgrims. Organising it will only be possible with the help of volunteers. To sign up call 01-5676800, email [volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie](mailto:volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie)

**Registration for WMOF2018 Events** Individual pilgrims and families can now register for the main three-day WMOF2018 Congress, August 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, guaranteeing your ticket(s) for the Festival of Families on Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. and for the Closing Mass, Sun., 26<sup>th</sup> August. Register at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

**Organ Donor Awareness Week** Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> - Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>. Organ Donor Cards will be available in all pharmacies or from volunteers who will fundraise on Sat. 31<sup>st</sup>. Please Support.

**Féileacáin** (stillbirth and neonatal death association of Ireland) are holding their Spring Remembrance Service in The Church of the Holy Family, Mervue, Galway, Sun., 25<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm. All are welcome. For further info., contact 085 2496464.

**Foyer of Charity Silent Retreat** - April 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, in Esker Retreat Centre. Cost incl. full board €380. For details, call 086-1678027/ [hellywilliams@gmail.com](mailto:hellywilliams@gmail.com)

**Study Hub Loughrea** Easter Intensive Courses in Irish, Maths, French, Biology and Chemistry for Junior and Leaving Certs. Easter Open Study also available for all students. Week 1: 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> March, 3-8pm. Week 2: 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> April, 11am-4pm. Pay as you go €8. Contact Breda @ 086-3792360

**Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre** - 6 Week Free Creative Writing course starts Thurs., April 19<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am-12.30pm. Early booking recommended as numbers will be limited to 10 participants. Ph. 091-871149. Web Design, Digital Imaging/Photos, Touch Typing courses starting soon. Please call 091-871149 to register your interest.

**GRETB Loughrea** are planning to run an introductory community training course in family history and genealogy in the coming weeks. If interested, please contact John Melville at [091841387](tel:091841387) or email [john.melville@gretb.ie](mailto:john.melville@gretb.ie)

**St. Brendan's Education Centre**, Abbey St., Loughrea, have availability on Communications QQI Level 5 module, held on Thursdays, 6.30pm-9.30pm. If interested please call 091-841387 or email [freda.murphy@gretb.ie](mailto:freda.murphy@gretb.ie)

**LRGWS** will hold their re-arranged AGM on Tues., 27<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30pm in the Loughrea Hotel and Spa.

**Easter Fairy Cake Camp** in the Cosy Teapot, L'rea, 24<sup>th</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> April. Decorating cup cakes/cookies, dress up, fun & games. Call in to book your place.

**Set-Dancing Classes** Family Resource Centre, Thurs. 6.30-8pm Children, 8.30-11pm Adults. Children advance class Fri. 6-7.30pm. All welcome. Call Bridie @ 087-6202451 after 5pm.

**Sean Nós Dancing** Family Resource Centre. Call Bernie @ 086-3731547

**Hurling Club Lotto** Winning numbers: 8, 10, 19, 23. Two match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €6,500.

### Temperance Hall Events

**Drama Workshop** for over 55's, Thursdays, 11.30am-12.30pm. €8 per week. For more details, contact 091-375381

**Loughrea Rugby Club** Bingo every Friday night @ 8pm. Jackpot €10,000 plus huge cash prizes. Comp tea, coffee. Great night out for all the family.

**Loughrea Activity Assoc:** Meeting Monday. Bowling: Monday 1.30-3.30pm, Tuesday, 11am-1pm

**Line Dancing Classes** Tea Room (side entrance) on Wednesdays. Beginners class 7pm, main class 8pm. All welcome. Contact Sean Casey @ 087-9761692.

**Karate Classes:** Beginners & members - Mon. & Wed. 7.30-9pm. Ladies, gents and children over 8 years of age are welcome.

**Dance Aerobic Classes:** Tuesdays, 7.30pm. 0879379563. Pay as you go!

**Fraughen School Of Irish Dancing** Mon. & Fri., juniors 5-6pm, seniors 6-7pm. Adult class Tues. 7.30pm. Class in St Ita's school Wed. 3-4pm.

**Whist** every Thurs. in the Supper Room @ 8pm. New members welcome.

**Parent and Toddler** Every Wed. 10am-12pm. €3 per family. All welcome.